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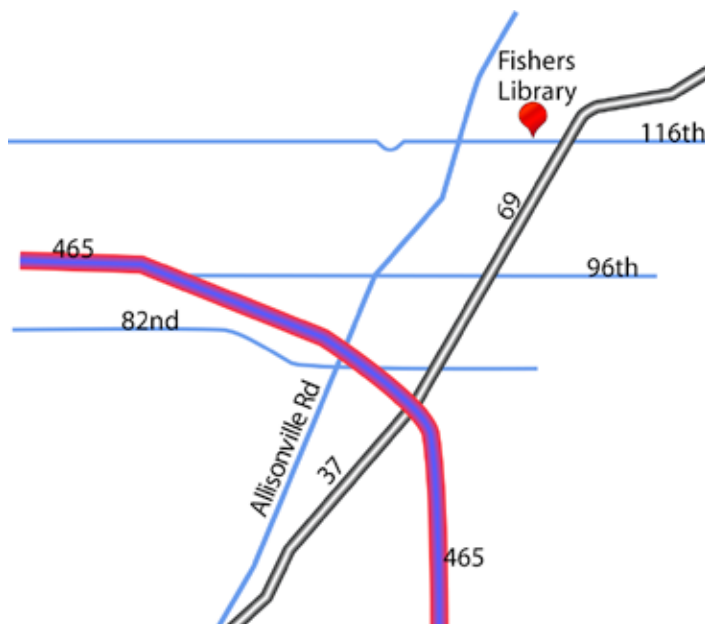
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ApplePickers Main Meeting

We meet the second Wednesday of each month, 6:30-7:00 p.m. social time, main meeting 7:00-8:45 p.m. at the [Fishers Library](#), 5 Municipal Dr. just north of 116th St. in Fishers. Visitors are always welcome to come and join us.



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Review: Apple Digital A/V Adapter

By Irv Haas - The Review Guru

If you are looking for a way to display the images of your iPad, iPhone or iPod touch on your HDTV, look no further than the **Apple Digital A/V Adapter**.

This small adapter plugs between your HDTV and your Apple device. Just plug in an HDMI cable (not included, of course) and a dock connector to USB (also not included) and you will be viewing your content on that big new TV screen. No other configuration is necessary!

One of the additional key benefits is that by plugging in the dock connector, you can also charge and sync your device as well.



The key caveat is that resolution is reduced up to 720p. Although the images are fine, just don't expect those great 1080p images that your HDTV set is capable of.

The adapter costs \$39. To keep the cost low, Apple expects you to pick up the tab for both cables.

Evaluation

As indicated above, the cable worked perfectly; just plug in and go! Although the images looked good, don't expect them to fill out your HDTV screen. In landscape mode, the image will fill up about 2/3 of your TV screen.

When watching movies, however, they will be full

screen. Don't expect razor sharpness since you are not working with the full resolution of the TV. Digital Copy movies from Blu-ray sets work best. There is a noticeable loss of contrast and slight fuzzy picture, but is certainly not objectionable. Watching movies downloaded from the Internet will not fare as well. Sharpness is dramatically reduced.

Be advised that Apple offers 3 cables to work with your TV--this one and a VGA for older devices and a composite adapter for older HDTV sets. The new Digital A/V Adapter is the one you need if you have an HDTV.

Conclusion

The Digital A/V Adapter worked just fine. Connect the cables and you're ready to go. Just be aware that you will have some signal loss due to the resolution difference between your Apple device and your HDTV. The loss comes not from the adapter but the limitations of the Apple device itself. Try the cable and see if it works well with your device. If not, you can always return it to the dealer for a refund. You won't find a better guarantee than that!



Import YouTube, DVD to Your Mac

By UG InfoManager

Cocoamug Software has solved the problem of capturing YouTube videos with CosmoPod for Mac OS X. CosmoPod is a one-click simple extension to Apple Safari browser that helps you saving and converting internet media content to your Mac, iPhone, AppleTV or iPod.

From Hong Kong comes the latest release of CosmoPod. CosmoPod 4.2.1 is an intuitive Safari extension that lets you download Flash videos from all popular websites like YouTube, Vimeo, DailyMotion, etc. CosmoPod can automatically convert downloaded files to an Apple device friendly format, tag them and add them to iTunes so it's all there ready format your next sync. Best of all, it's one-click simple!

Additionally, you can convert most video already on your hard drive with a simple drag and drop and CosmoPod is also a great tool to import your DVD collection to your Mac, iTunes, AppleTV, and iPhone.

- CosmoPod supports the most popular web video formats (FLV, DivX, WMV, MMS, RM, RTSP)
- Convert files already on your disk and DVDs by dropping them onto CosmoPod window
- Beautiful H.264 encoding for all your needs (Mac, iPod, iPhone & AppleTV).
- Works with Elgato turbo.264 and turbo.264 HD
- Set iTunes movie tags directly from CosmoPod
- Automatically detects HD Videos on YouTube
- Extract audio tracks from most video files and convert it to m4a
- Growl Integration
- CosmoPod perfectly blends into Safari. It's just like an extra Download window, for your media.

What's new in this version?

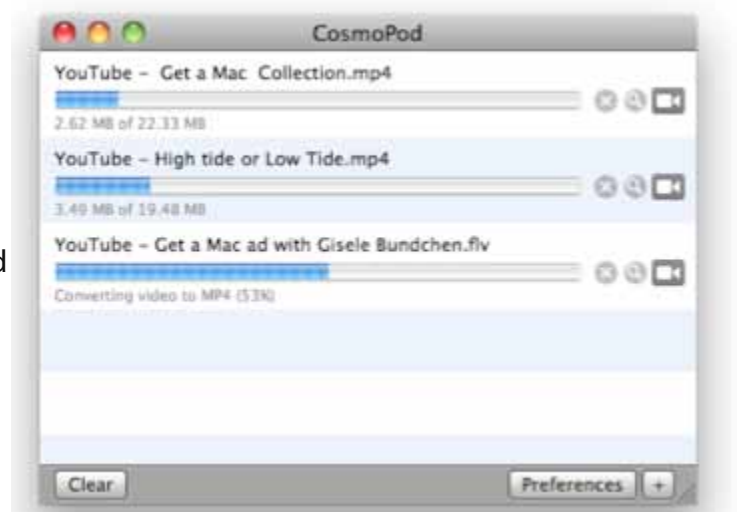
- Selectable file extensions for converted files (m4v / mp4)

- Dragging VIDEO_TS folders now start the DVD import wizard
- Adds m4v file extensions to droppable file types
- Growl framework updated to 1.2.1
- New DVD Import section in user manual
- Drop zone window overlay bug has been fixed

System Requirements: * Mac OS 10.4 or later * Safari 4 or later * Universal Binary for PowerPC and Intel
CosmoPod 4.2.1 is shipping today for the sweet price of 8.90 Euro (\$12 USD). It is a free update for all CosmoPod 4 licensees. CosmoPod 3 and ealier users can upgrade for 3.90 Euro (\$5 USD).

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Review: HP LaserJet Professional P1606dn

By Irv Haas - The Review Guru

If you're tired of paying for low volume inks and slow print speeds, you may want to consider the **HP LaserJet Professional P1606dn**, a new model for 2011.

Laser printers have always printed nice clean text, but were often slow. The P1606dn is a real speed demon compared to previous models. I find that my first page comes out of this LaserJet at just about 6 seconds. Can your printer (inkjet or laser) do that?

Let's take a closer look at this printer to evaluate if this one worth purchasing. It includes both USB and network ports. To make this a wireless printer, you need to buy additional hardware.

LaserJet Comparison

Check out the differences between the new P1606dn series and a previous model, the CP2025dn:

	P1606dn	CP2025dn
MSRP Price	\$229.99	\$499.99
Street Price	\$179.99	\$349.99
2-Sided	Yes	Yes
Wireless	Yes	No
Speed	Up to 26 ppm	Up to 21 ppm
No. of Trays	1	2
Tray Capacity	150	250
Display	LED Lights	2-line LCD



As you can see, you are picking up speed with this printer, but losing color capabilities. Both printers do duplex (2-sided) printing just by clicking on the Print menu button. You have a box that says 2-Sided. You can either click on that box for duplex, or leave it blank for single page printing.

Speed Considerations

The speed factor would determine the price of each printer you should purchase. The HP P1606dn could offer the best compromise between speed and price. With its monthly duty cycle of up to 8000 pages, this could be perfect for a small or home business. Remember, to keep speed considerations in line with pricing.

The rated speed of the P1606dn of 26 ppm was very close to the manufacturer's estimates, but not exact—much like car MPG statistics.

For comparison, I compared my previous color laser printer, the CP2025dn with the new P1606dn printer.

Check out these differences with speed in seconds:

	P1606dn	CP 2025dn
Rated Speed	Up to 26ppm	Up to 21ppm
One Page	:10	:30
3-Page Data	:12	:30
3-Page Date	:17	1:00

One reason for the slower speed with the CP2025dn is that this laser printer has to perform more tasks since it involves a total of 4 cartridges compared with the P1606n's single cartridge.

As you can see, the rated speeds are close approximations, but you should not go by them as absolute. When purchasing a printer, use the print speeds as guidelines, nothing more!

HP Auto-On/Auto-Off Technology

This is one of the first printers with HP's Auto-On/Auto-Off technology that automatically turns the power of the printer on or off. In previous models, the printer would automatically go to sleep mode to save power. Now the printer turns itself off after a few minutes of inactivity and powers itself back on when attempting to print.

Setup

This was a very simple process:

- 1) Unpack printer
- 2) Plug in AC power cord
- 3) Plug in USB cable
- 4) Insert CD
- 5) Follow instructions on CD

Keep in mind that there is no manual, as it exists only on the CD. The only printed information is on an Installation Guide. This 12-page document asks you which setup you require: Mac or PC.

With this printer, HP has introduced HP Smart Install that lets you install your printer just by connecting a USB cable and power cord. No CD installation is required! Macs, however, still need to install the drivers on the CD. Very easy to follow!



For wireless installation, you need to purchase an Ethernet bridge to print wirelessly. The only drawback of this printer is that wireless printing is

not included as standard. Once completed, it will automatically set your Print & Fax section in System Preferences and you'll be ready to print wirelessly!

Quality of Printouts

I compared the printouts of both the P1606dn and the CP2025dn. Print quality was very similar if you look at them at a glance. Between the two laserjets, the P1606dn had slightly better contrast although the difference was minimal.

So keep this differences in mind, especially when considering pricing.

Toner Cartridges

One of the negative considerations in buying a color laser printer is the cost of toner cartridges. The P1606dn only uses one cartridge that is sufficient to print 2100 pages with each cartridge. This LaserJet includes starter cartridges that probably have half the usual amount of toner than standard ones.

Manufacturers like to save money by not giving consumers full toners when they buy their machines. Full cartridges for the P1606dn series are about \$78. These are list prices. You can find discounts for these online. Compare this cost with over \$100 for inkjets that only have a cycle of about 500 pages compared to the laser's 2100.

Check out this table for comparing toner prices between the 2 models:

	Price Per Page
P1606dn	.037
CP2025dn	.024



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REVIEW: Apple iPad 2

By Irv Haas - The Review Guru

One of Apple's most wildly successful products has been the iPad. Since its introduction last year users have complained about omissions in the device. Most of these issues have been addressed in the [Apple iPad 2](#)

For the same price as last year's models, Apple has released its successor with a thinner design, front and back cameras and a faster processor.

There are now 18 different configurations. You now can select Wi-Fi or 3G cellular models from AT&T or Verizon. You also have a color choice between a black and white frame. Prices range from \$499 to \$829 depending on the configuration.

	16GB	32GB	64GB
Wi-Fi	\$499	\$599	\$699
Wi-Fi + 3G	\$629	\$729	\$829



Sales

With the introduction of the iPad 2 on March 11, demand has outstripped supply. Apple originally had an estimated shipping time from 4-5 weeks after placing an order at it's online store.

That shipping time has now been reduced to 2-3 weeks. For retail stores, the iPad 2 is only available at the Apple Store, Best Buy, Walmart, & Sam's Club, but don't expect to find them in stock.

The best way to find one locally is to arrive at the Apple Store at 8 a.m. when they open and stand in line. The arrived shipments from the previous business day are then sold at that time until they are sold out. Don't expect to visit the Apple Store later in the day and find your iPad configuration. Sales have been that hot!



Features

- Front and Rear Cameras :
 - Rear camera lets you shoot HD video (720p) up to 30 frames per second with audio; still camera with 5X digital zoom.
 - Front camera lets you shoot VGA up to 30 fps with audio; VGA-quality still camera
- Faster processor with a 1GHZ dual-core A5 custom designed chip



- Memory ranges from 16MB or 32MB or 64MB of flash storage
- Battery provides up to 10 hours of operation
- Super-fast graphics lets you run faster games and apps thanks to the A5 chip
- Multi-touch display let your "fingers do the walking"
- Ambient Light Sensor – Reads available light for optimum LCD display
- AirPlay enables you to stream your movies, photos or music directly to your HDTV or speakers.
- AirPrint makes it possible to enable your iPad to print wirelessly to your AirPrint-enabled printer
- Accelerometer lets you view your iPad in landscape or portrait mode simply by turning it. Certain games also use this technology.

Activation

Although Apple stores will do the activation for you, this is a simple procedure you can do on your own. The iPad, like the iPods, use iTunes for total control. Just connect the included dock connector to your

iPad and the USB end to your Mac or PC and follow the instructions.

Within iTunes, you need to mark which functions you want to sync. iTunes will then automatically sync those functions. Many apps will still not work until you manually input your passwords. These are not automatically transferred.

Although this sounds like a simple procedure (it is!), plan on an hour or more to download Apple latest iTunes and iPad software (IOS 4). Once completed you can use your iPad normally.

Evaluation

As a first-time iPad user, the iPad 2 was a revelation. Most of the operations were very intuitive, especially if you are used to an iPod with a video screen. Enlarging text or moving to different apps from home seemed quite natural.

Using the iPad was like opening Pandora's box. Just check out the variety of apps available gives you a rough idea. You can use the iPad exclusively as a game device by downloading nothing but games. The 9.7" screen makes it ideal for game graphics, unlike the smaller iPod touch.

Besides games there are many utility apps for such items as GPS functions, currency exchange, weather info, calculator functions, airport arrivals, just to name a few.

The speed for Safari was very quick if you need it for Web browsing.

I bought an iPad expressly for use as a second computer when other family members are using my desktop. However, in the process I discovered many other uses such as checking email or surfing the Web anywhere in the house, much like a laptop without the additional expense.



Specifications

Size: 9.5" (h) x 7.31" (w) x .34" (d)
Weight: 1.33 lbs.

What's Included

- 1) Apple iPad 2
- 2) Dock connector to USB
- 3) Battery charger

Conclusion

Does the Apple iPad 2 live up to its hype? After using it for 2 weeks, I have to concur. Besides using it for Internet browsing (my original purpose), I find it convenient to be able to check my email, contacts, share my photos & videos anywhere in the house.

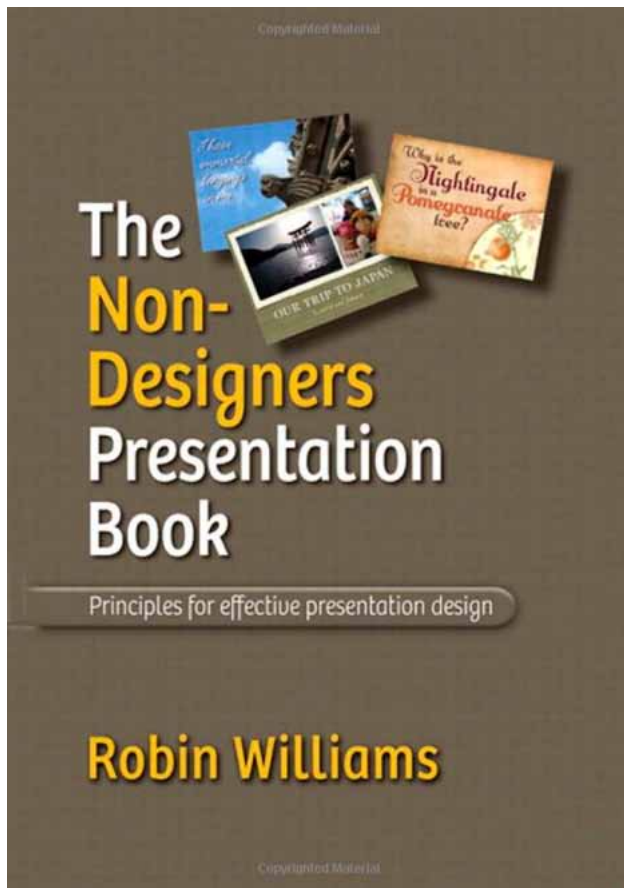
The iPad is more practical for these tasks due to the size of the screen, especially when compared to the iPod touch. Apple has made a device that makes it intuitively simple to navigate.

If you need documentation, forget about finding in the box. The only printed item in the box is a card telling you to activate your iPad by connecting it with iTunes. If you need more information, Apple offers a 198-page Ipad User Guide online at this site: http://manuals.info.apple.com/en_US/ipad_2_user_guide.pdf

Checking out an iPad in a retail store will give you a feel for the device. But you won't realize its true worth until you use it on a permanent basis. One year ago, people were saying who needs a tablet computer. Current sales have answered that question. Apple has sold 7.8 million iPads and that number keeps growing.

By "Dave G" dgreenbaum@gmail.com calldr.dave

Robin Williams has produced an outstanding sequel to her famous book, "The Non-Designer's Design Book", this time focusing on using presentation software such as PowerPoint and Keynote. Instead of explaining all the programs' functions, she outlines (pardon the pun) exactly what makes a good presentation. This isn't just a do's and don'ts, but a structured path to making a presentation that will not only educate but also keep your audience awake and alive.



She first focuses on the content of your presentation: clarity, relevance, animation and plot. Good presentations start with good content. Fortunately she saves us all from those boring stand up meetings where the presenter simply reads the slides. Slides should serve as a way to move the speech and engage the audience. After creating good content, Robin then reminds us of the basic design principles she taught in her last Non-Designer's book: contrast, repetition, alignment and proximity. Finally she takes

the time to dispel a long litany of misconceptions about how to present. For example, she quickly dismisses the idea that handouts somehow distract your audience - instead it actually keeps them focused on your presentation instead of furiously taking notes. Each of her misconceptions is based on some basic fact of presentations which people took to an extreme.

This is simply a must have book! The checklists at the end are well worth the price of the book in and of themselves

Pros: All the tips and tricks to a great presentation written in an easy to follow and understand guide.

Cons: It's not mandatory reading for anyone who buys a projector. It really should be as countless hours of productivity would be gained in corporate America

Five out of Five Dogcows

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Remotely Control a MacBook

By Christopher Breen, Macworld.com



Reader A. Hart is heartbroken that his or her MacBook refuses to obey commands issued across the room. A. writes:

I waited a long time to get a laptop and finally decided on a MacBook only to find out after purchase that the new MacBook does not support the Apple Remote for use with Keynote. Do you have any recommendations for a remote that will work well with the MacBook and Keynote?

Regrettably you waited a little too long as MacBooks released at and after late 2009 (the polycarbonate model, not the MacBook Pro) don't carry an IR port and therefore don't work with Apple's remote. But you're not completely out of luck.

If you have an iPhone, iPod touch, or iPad and a Wi-Fi connection you can use one of a handful of remote control apps to control your Mac. I've used [Air Mouse Pro](#), [HippoRemote](#), [Rowmote Pro](#), and [Snatch](#) and they're all capable of controlling a Keynote presentation over Wi-Fi. Apple also sells the 99-cent [Keynote Remote app](#), but I've found that with iOS 4.1 it doesn't always reliably link my iPhone and iPod touch to my Mac.

Those are all fine solutions if you're able to join a Wi-Fi network, but if you can't, you have to turn to other wireless avenues. One of those avenues is a dedicated hardware remote that works in league with a USB receiver that you plug into your Mac. [Kensington](#), [Logitech](#), and [Targus](#) make such devices. They cost around \$40.

Bluetooth is another way to go. The venerable [Salling Clicker](#) allows you to remotely control your Mac with a variety of Bluetooth-capable mobile phones (regrettably, the iPhone isn't one of them). And, of course, if you don't plan to stroll around during your presentation, you could control it with a small Bluetooth keyboard such as Apple's \$69 Wireless Keyboard.

Hippo Remote by RoboHippo LLC



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The P1606dn is more expensive simply because the toner cartridges for this printer do not have the higher toner volume compared to the CP2025dn.

To keep costs down, HP has included an "introductory" cartridge, which probably has half the toner of what a standard cartridge includes. HP does not reveal the specific quantity included in an "introductory" cartridge.

Conclusion

The HP P1606dn is a high-speed quality printer. If you need just a few pages per month, this one may not be for you since a less expensive laser would work just as well for you.

My only complaint with this printer is that for the money involved, it should have had wireless printing capability included. You can always add this functionality with additional hardware, but the cost may be prohibitive if you are spending close to \$200 for this printer.

But if you have a home business with high printing needs, this model is certainly one to consider.

Auction Items

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